REMARKS

With the above amendments, the specification has been amended to incorporate the Japanese priority applications by reference.

Accordingly, it is believed that the application is in good condition for examination.

Questions are welcomed by the below-signed attorney for applicants.

Respectfully submitted,

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